

The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



Making Up for Lost Time

Town Construction May Mean Changing Traffic Patterns

With the end of the wet spring weather, construction around Town is scheduled to take off with a vengeance. All those projects delayed due to the unusually wet conditions will be trying to get back on track during the remainder of the construction season. That means a lot of activity around Town, both public and private.

Several of the Town of Warrenton's projects will require some changes in traffic flow patterns around town. Here's a brief run-down of some of those projects.

● Oliver City Road and Old Mill

Lane: A drainage project began July 21st and should be wrapping up soon.

Local traffic will be accommodated, but there will be delays at times.

● Madison Street (Falmouth to Curtis Streets): A

sidewalk and drainage project in progress is requiring some closings of the street, except for local residents. Please plan alternative routes. When possible the street will be reopened to traffic. This project should be coming to completion in August.



● **Van Roijen and Old Waterloo Road:** The intersection will be the scene of a flurry of activity to install a gravity sewer prior to the opening of school on August 25th.

Please be alert to changing traffic patterns in the intersection and on portions of Van Roijen Street and Old Waterloo Road. When possible please avoid the area during the construction.

● Gold Cup Drive, Stuyvesant Street, Jackson Street and Broadview Avenue:

During the fall months of September through November, the Town will be installing a new sewer main along portions of these streets. A contract has been awarded, but a work schedule has not been set at this time. Town staff will

publish notices in the media and on the Town web page, and will be providing local notices in advance of the actual work.

Around Town there will be other maintenance and sidewalk repair/construction projects in progress during the remaining warm months. Please be alert to temporary signage and the workers and their equipment. ■

New Secure Payment Lockbox



The Town of Warrenton has a new payment option available for its residents. A secure payment drop box has been placed on the front sidewalk of the Warrenton Safeway store near the payphones.

Town residents may drop their water bill payments, real estate and personal property tax payments, and any other town related payments into this box. The

payments will be picked up daily by 7:30 AM. **Please do not put cash in this box.** Envelopes are provided for payments; please remember to make your check payable to "Town of Warrenton" and include your payment stub.

This is an exciting new offering to Town citizens. We hope you find this additional payment option convenient. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding this new service, please contact the Finance Department at (540) 347-1102 or via e-mail to staff@ci.warrenton.va.us.

The Town would like thank Jefferson Associates, owners of Warrenton Village Shopping Center and the Warrenton Safeway Store for allowing us to place this payment box on their property. ■

Town Council Changes Fees

The Warrenton Town Council adopted its fiscal year 2004 budget on May 13, 2003. As part of the budget adoption, the Council lowered the motor vehicle decal fees and the base rate for water service, and increased the water and sewer availability fees.



Motor vehicle license fees (decals) were decreased from \$25 to \$15 for cars and trucks and from \$15 to \$10 for motorcycles. Citizens 65 or older will be able to purchase one decal per person for \$7.50 for a car or truck and \$5 for a motorcycle.

Effective with the bills mailed in early July, the base rate (first 2,000 gallons) for water service was decreased from \$7.20 to \$4.00 for in-town customers, and from \$10.80 to \$6.00 for out-of-town customers. No changes were made to the sewer service charges.

Also effective July 1 was an increase in water and sewer availability fees. These are the fees charged to connect to the Town's water supply or sewer system. They are based on the size of the meter proposed. The in-town water availability fee for a 5/8" meter is \$4,950 and the sewer availability fee is \$6,200. Out-of-town fees for the same sized meter are \$7,425 for water and \$9,300 for sewer. ■

New Bike Shop Opens on Fourth Street

Warrenton is a great place to ride bicycles, and now there's a new bike shop in town to supply all your needs. The Bike Shop recently opened at 61 South Fourth Street. You'll find more than bikes there. In addition to sales, repair and rentals of bicycles, the shop's inventory includes skate boards, snow boards and accessories. They'll even wax your winter skis.

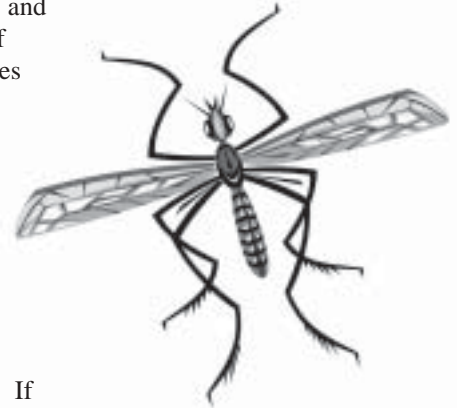
This is owner Bob Leftwich's second location. He has operated The Bike Shop in Culpeper for nineteen years. The shop is open daily, Monday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM and Sundays from noon to 5:00 PM. The store's phone number is (540) 341-7702. ■



Watch Out for West Nile Virus!

With the wet winter and spring everyone in Virginia has experienced this year, the conditions are prime for an outbreak of West Nile Virus. The reason: more mosquitos than usual. Mosquitos breed in standing water, and there are plenty of puddles and ditches this year for breeding.

You can help prevent West Nile Virus by doing your part to control the population of mosquitos in and around your yard. If everyone takes a few simple steps, the mosquito population will be kept at bay, and the risk of the virus as well.



It doesn't take much water to attract breeding mosquitos. In fact, they can breed in just a teaspoon of water! So here are some tips you can follow to eliminate every little place where water collects:

- Clean out drainage ditches.
- Flatten empty containers or turn them over (flower pots, wheel barrows, etc.)
- Properly dispose of old tires, so they cannot hold water.
- Open clogged roof gutters.
- Frequently change standing water in birdbaths and pet water dishes.
- Empty water from stored boats.
- Fill in holes in your yard.
- Drain any toy, garden equipment, dishes under potted plants.
- Clean ornamental ponds weekly, or use a larvicide specifically made for this purpose.
- Check tarps that might trap water and rain.

Even after you've made your yard unappealing to breeding mosquitos, there will inevitably still be some around. Here are some tips to prevent being bitten by them:

- Wear clothing that covers the skin and use repellents. If possible, stay indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Elderly people and those with weak immune systems should take extra precautions to avoid exposure to mosquitoes. ■

Fall Clean-Up Week Approaching

Fall Clean-up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for the week of October 6th through 10th, 2003. Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly schedule.

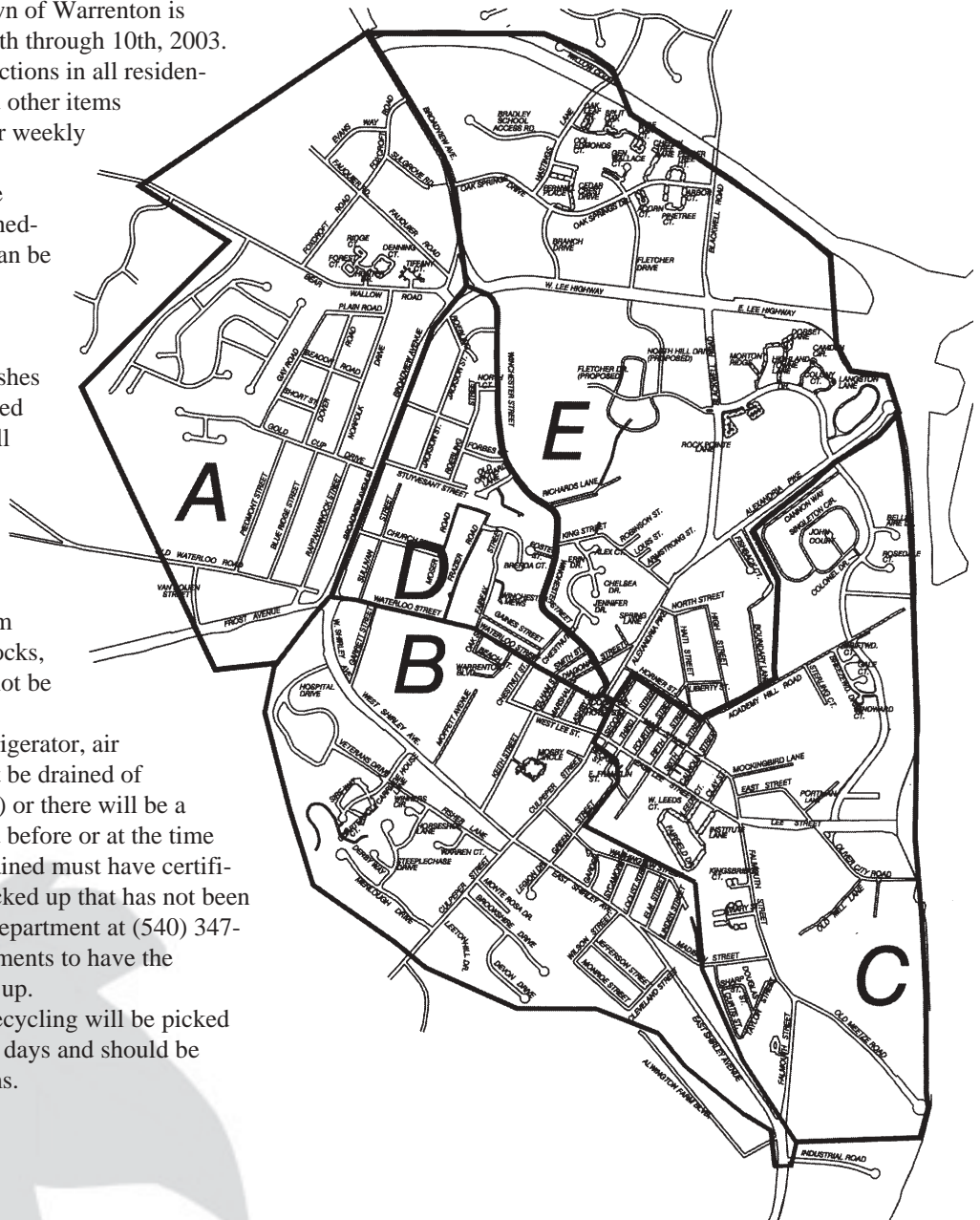
All items are to be placed on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your area. No return trips can be made. All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies or contractors; it is the responsibility of the contractor/company doing the work.

All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Dirt, rocks, sod, old stumps and large logs will not be picked up.

Any item containing Freon (refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier, etc.) must be drained of Freon (with certification of drainage) or there will be a \$10 landfill charge that must be paid before or at the time of pick-up. Items that have been drained must have certification attached. To have an item picked up that has not been drained, contact the Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858 ahead of time to make arrangements to have the landfill fee paid and the item picked up.

Regular household refuse and recycling will be picked up as usual on the regular scheduled days and should be placed separately from clean up items.

See area map for schedule:



Area A -- Monday, 10/6/03

Area B -- Tuesday, 10/7/03

Area C -- Wednesday, 10/8/03

Area D -- Thursday, 10/9/03

Area E -- Friday, 10/10/03

Mark Your Calendars

Evening Under the Stars

Saturday, September 20, 8:00 PM to midnight

For ticket information contact The Partnership for Warrenton, (540) 349-8606.

Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 25, 12:30 PM

Line up at Fifth and Main Streets. Costume contest at Courthouse Plaza follows the parade. ■



Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Economic Development	347-6574
Finance Department	347-1102
Inspections	347-2405
Maintenance Shop	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief	347-1105
Police Station	347-1107
Non-emergency	347-1100
Emergency	911
Planning and Zoning	347-2405
Recycling	347-1858
Sewage Plant	347-1104
Town Hall	347-1101
Town Manager	347-4505
Utilities	347-6574
Water Bills	347-2678
Water Plant	347-1103
TTD/TTY	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency
347-1100**

Holiday Refuse Collection

Labor Day -- Monday, September 1

Monday 9/1/03 -- Holiday; no pickup.

Tuesday 9/2/03 -- Monday's refuse collection.

Wednesday 9/3/03 -- Tuesday's refuse collection plus recycling collection (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags).

Thursday 9/4/03 -- Regular refuse collection.

Friday 9/5/03 -- Regular refuse collection.

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 13

Monday 11/13/03 -- Holiday; no pickup.

Tuesday 11/14/03 -- Monday's refuse collection.

Wednesday 11/15/03 -- Tuesday's refuse collection plus recycling collection (cardboard, newspaper and blue bags).

Thursday 11/16/03 -- Regular refuse collection.

Friday 11/17/03 -- Regular refuse collection. ■

Fall Clean-Up -- See details on page 3.

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